

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification is amended by the present response to now refer to reference sign

2a. The amendment to the specification is believed to address the outstanding objection to the drawings noted in paragraph 1 of the Office Action.

Claim 26 is amended by the present response to now properly depend from claim 25, to address the objection noted in paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-9, 11-21, and 23-31 are pending in this application. No claims are added or canceled by the present response. Claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-21, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,305,372 to Tomiyori in view of U.S. patent 5,732,349 to Sanpei et al. (herein “Sanpei”). Claims 25-31 are allowed. Claim 16 was objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 25-31 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 16.

Addressing now the rejection of claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-21, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Tomiyori, that rejection is traversed by the present response.

Each of independent claims 1, 4, 8, 23, and 24 is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, each of those claims clarifies the structure of the communication destination party information memory. Those claims now specifically require the memory being “divided into memory regions corresponding to different destination countries so that each different region includes communication destination party identifying information of the communication destination party and subscriber number information of the communication destination party of a respective different destination

country". That subject matter clarified in the above-noted claims is shown, as a non-limiting example, in Figure 8 in the present specification. As shown for example in Figure 8, an address memory stores various telephone numbers in different regions corresponding to different countries. Such a feature as clarified in the claims is believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

More specifically, Tomiyori does not teach of suggest the currently claimed memory structure. Tomiyori discloses, for example in Figure 1, a speed dialing memory 11 in which a toll area code and telephone number has a corresponding country code assigned thereto. Tomiyori does not disclose or suggest a memory divided into memory regions corresponding to different designation countries.

In such ways, each of amended independent claims 1, 4, 8, 23, and 24, and the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

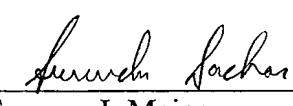
As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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